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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

#### 4. PRC WHEAT (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

USLO REPORTS THAT ARGENTINA HAS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO  
DELIVER 200,000 TONS OF WHEAT TO CHINA EARLY NEXT YEAR.  
WITH 500,000 TONS CONTRACTED FOR FROM AUSTRALIA AND  
762,000 TONS FROM CANADA, EARLY 1977 DELIVERIES WILL TOTAL  
1.46 MILLION TONS. WHEAT IMPORTS FOR THE 1976/77 MARKET-  
ING YEAR WILL THUS BE ABOUT THE SAME AS FOR THE PREVIOUS  
PERIOD.

USLO ALSO NOTES A CHINESE STATEMENT THAT LAST YEAR'S  
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WHEAT HARVEST WAS 45 MILLION TONS AND THIS YEAR'S HARVEST  
50 MILLION. THESE FIGURES ARE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN  
PREVIOUS USDA ESTIMATES OF 39 MILLION FOR 1975 WITH LITTLE,  
IF ANY, INCREASE EXPECTED FOR THIS YEAR. IF THE PRC  
STATEMENT IS TRUE, WHEAT REPRESENTS A BRIGHT SPOT IN AN  
OTHERWISE GLOOMY ECONOMIC PICTURE. THE ARGENTINE SALE WAS

PROBABLY AT A DISTRESS PRICE GIVEN ARGENTINA'S CURRENT  
BUMPER HARVEST AND OVERFLOWING GRANERIES.

5. MINI-FLAP WITH AGRICULTURE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

FAS LAST WEEK SENT A CABLE, UNCLEARED ADEQUATELY EVEN  
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, INSTRUCTING USLO'S  
AGRICULTURAL OFFICER AND A VISITING FAS OFFICER TO  
PREPARE INTERVIEW TAPES FOR DOMESTIC US RADIO  
BROADCASTS. WHEN WE CAUGHT UP WITH THE INSTRUCTION  
THIS WEEK AND DISCUSSED WITH AGRICULTURE OUR CONCERNS  
THAT THE BROADCASTS MIGHT CREATE PROBLEMS FOR FAS  
FUNCTIONS IN CHINA, AGRICULTURE READILY AGREED TO OUR  
SENDING A JOINT MESSAGE RESCINDING THE INSTRUCTION.

6. BOC INVITATION TO AMERICAN BANK CHAIRMAN  
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE BOARD CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST CO.,  
CARLETON STEWART, TELLS US THAT HE EXPECTS TO VISIT THE  
PRC IN MAY AS THE GUEST OF THE BANK OF CHINA. AMERICAN  
SECURITY IS PRCLO'S BANK HERE. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE  
CHINESE PLAN TO ADD AMERICAN SECURITY TO THE LIST OF US  
BANKS AUTHORIZED TO HANDLE NON-TRADE REMITTANCES, OF  
WHICH THERE ARE NOW FIVE: CHASE, FNB OF CBICAGO, BANK  
OF AMERICA, MANUFACTURERS HANOVER AND MORGAN GUARANTEE.  
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OTHER ITEMS COVERED:

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1. POSSIBLE MFA SHAKE-UP (SECRET/NOFORN)

2. PRC PRESS ON CARTER FOREIGN POLICY (LIMITED  
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3. SECOND TACHAI CONFERENCE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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